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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A system for facilitating A browser window configured to display on a display screen data that facilitates freight shipment between a first geographic location and a second geographic location, said browser window being accessible via a computer network, said system comprising:

computer hardware; and

computer software readable by said computer hardware for displaying a browser window, said browser window including at least a first data section configured to display derivative contract data pertaining to shipment capacity offered by carriers between said first geographic location and said second geographic location, said derivative contract data being associated with at least two of an air mode, a sea mode, a train mode, and a truck mode, ; and

———said browser window further including at least a second data section configured to be viewed simultaneously with said first data section, said second data section displaying forecast data pertaining to demand forecasts between said first geographic location and said second geographic location, said forecast data being provided by shippers.

2. (Currently amended) The browser window system of claim 1 wherein said second data section further includes rating data associated with said forecast data, each rating in said rating data reflects both a qualitative assessment of a forecast associated with said each rating and a quantitative assessment of said forecast associated with said each rating.

3. (Currently amended) The browser window system of claim 1 wherein said second data section further includes rating data associated with said forecast data, each rating in said rating data reflects one of a qualitative assessment of a forecast associated with said each rating and a quantitative assessment of said forecast associated with said each rating.

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4. (Currently amended) The ~~browser window~~ system of claim 3 wherein said qualitative assessment represents an aggregated value that takes into account qualitative assessments from different shippers.

5. (Currently amended) The ~~browser window~~ system of claim 3 wherein said qualitative assessment is associated with a shipper that furnishes said forecast associated with said each rating and wherein said second data section includes an identity of said shipper that furnishes said forecast associated with said each rating.

6. (Currently amended) The ~~browser window~~ system of claim 1 wherein said ~~quality~~ qualitative assessment includes at least four of a set of criteria that includes demand, manufacturing readiness, manufacturing location, capacity, product, lane, and lane stability.

7. (Currently amended) The ~~browser window~~ system of claim 1 wherein said derivative contract data represents futures contract data.

8. (Currently amended) The ~~browser window~~ system of claim 1 wherein said derivative contract data represents option contract data.

9. (Currently amended) The ~~browser window~~ system of claim 1 ~~further comprising~~ wherein the browser window further includes at least a third data section configured to display unfulfilled derivative contract order data, said third data section being configured to be view simultaneously with said first data section and said second data section.

10. (Currently amended) The ~~browser window~~ system of claim 1 ~~further comprising~~ wherein the browser window further includes at least a third data section configured to display matched derivative contract order data.

11. (Currently amended) The ~~browser window~~ system of claim 1 ~~further comprising~~ wherein the browser window further includes at least a third data section configured to display unfulfilled derivative contract order data and a fourth data section configured to display successfully

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matched derivative contract order data, said third data section and said fourth data section being configured to be view simultaneously with said first data section and said second data section.

12. (Currently amended) The ~~browser window~~ system of claim 1 wherein a displayed data item in said derivative contract data represents a plurality of capacity offers from at least a subset of said shippers.

13. (Currently amended) The ~~browser window~~ system of claim 12 wherein each displayed data item in said derivative contract data is ~~bundled from~~ a bundle of data associated with a plurality of capacity offers from at least a subset of said shippers, said each displayed data item being associated with a single transportation mode, at least ~~two of~~ a first displayed data items in said derivative contract data ~~are~~ is associated with a first transportation mode, at least a second displayed data item in said derivative contract data is associated with a second transportation mode, said second transportation mode being ~~two~~ different from said first transportation modes.

14. (Currently amended) The ~~browser window~~ system of claim 12 wherein said plurality of offers are bundled into a derivate contract represented by said displayed data item in accordance to a geographic bundling criterion.

15. (Currently amended) The ~~browser window~~ system of claim 14 wherein said plurality of offers are bundled into a derivate contract represented by said displayed data item in accordance to a time frame bundling criterion.

16. (Currently amended) A method for facilitating freight shipment between a first geographic location and a second geographic location, the method comprising:

displaying in a first data section of a browser window derivative contract data pertaining to shipment capacity offered by carriers between said first geographic location and said second geographic location, said derivative contract data being associated with at least two of an air mode, a sea mode, a train mode, and a truck mode; and

displaying in a second data section of said browser window forecast data pertaining to demand forecasts between said first geographic location and said second geographic location,

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said forecast data being provided by shippers, said second data section being configured to be viewed simultaneously with said first data section, said browser window being configured to be accessible via a computer network.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 further including displaying in said second data section rating data associated with said forecast data, each rating in said rating data reflects both a qualitative assessment of a forecast associated with said each rating and a quantitative assessment of said forecast associated with said each rating.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16 further including displaying in said second data section rating data associated with said forecast data, each rating in said rating data reflects one of a qualitative assessment of a forecast associated with said each rating and a quantitative assessment of said forecast associated with said each rating.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein said qualitative assessment represents an aggregated value that takes into account qualitative assessments from different shippers.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein said qualitative assessment is associated with a shipper that furnishes said forecast associated with said each rating and wherein said second data section includes an identity of said shipper that furnishes said forecast associated with said each rating.

21. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein said quality qualitative assessment includes at least four of a set of criteria that includes demand, manufacturing readiness, manufacturing location, capacity, product, lane, and lane stability.

22. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein said derivative contract data represents futures contract data.

23. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein said derivative contract data represents option contract data.

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24. (Original) The method of claim 16 further including displaying in a third data section unfulfilled derivative contract order data, said third data section being configured to be view simultaneously with said first data section and said second data section.

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16 further including displaying <u>matched</u> <u>derivative contract order data</u> in a third data section ~~matched derivative contract order data~~.

26. (Original) The method of claim 16 further including displaying in a third data section unfulfilled derivative contract order data and displaying in a fourth data section successfully matched derivative contract order data, said third data section and said fourth data section being configured to be view simultaneously with said first data section and said second data section.

27. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein a displayed data item in said derivative contract data represents a plurality of capacity offers from at least a subset of said shippers.

28. (Currently amended) The method of claim 27 wherein each displayed data item in said derivative contract data is ~~bundled from~~ <u>a bundle of</u> data associated with a plurality of capacity offers from at least a subset of said shippers, said each displayed data item being associated with a single <u>transportation</u> mode, at least ~~two of~~ <u>a first</u> displayed data items in said derivative contract data ~~are~~ <u>is</u> associated with <u>a first transportation mode, at least a second displayed data item in said derivative contract data is associated with a second transportation mode, said second transportation mode being</u> ~~two~~ different <u>from said first transportation</u> modes.

29. (Original) The method of claim 27 wherein said plurality of offers are bundled into a derivate contract represented by said displayed data item in accordance to a geographic bundling criterion.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29 wherein said plurality of offers are bundled into a derivate contract represented by said displayed data item in accordance to a time frame bundling criterion.

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31. (Currently amended) An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium having computer readable code embodied therein, said computer readable code being configured ~~to~~ for facilitating freight shipment between a first geographic location and a second geographic location, the article of manufacture comprising:

computer readable code for displaying in a first data section of a browser window derivative contract data pertaining to shipment capacity offered by carriers between said first geographic location and said second geographic location, said derivative contract data being associated with at least two of an air mode, a sea mode, a train mode, and a truck mode; and

computer readable code for displaying in a second data section of said browser window forecast data pertaining to demand forecasts between said first geographic location and said second geographic location, said forecast data being provided by shippers, said second data section being configured to be viewed simultaneously with said first data section, said browser window being configured to be accessible via a computer network.

32. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 31 further including computer readable code for displaying in said second data section rating data associated with said forecast data, each rating in said rating data reflects both a qualitative assessment of a forecast associated with said each rating and a quantitative assessment of said forecast associated with said each rating.

33. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 31 further including computer readable code for displaying in said second data section rating data associated with said forecast data, each rating in said rating data reflects one of a qualitative assessment of a forecast associated with said each rating and a quantitative assessment of said forecast associated with said each rating.

34. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 33 wherein said qualitative assessment represents an aggregated value that takes into account qualitative assessments from different shippers.

35. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 33 wherein said qualitative assessment is associated with a shipper that furnishes said forecast associated with said each rating and

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wherein said second data section includes an identity of said shipper that furnishes said forecast associated with said each rating.

36. (Currently amended) The article of manufacture of claim 31 wherein said ~~quality~~ qualitative assessment includes at least four of a set of criteria that includes demand, manufacturing readiness, manufacturing location, capacity, product, lane, and lane stability.

37. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 31 wherein said derivative contract data represents futures contract data.

38. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 31 wherein said derivative contract data represents option contract data.